

## **Urbana School District 116**

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### **Urbana School District Presents High School Restructuring Plan to School Board *Final Vote on Plan Scheduled for April 15***

Urbana School District #116 Administrators presented the Urbana High School Restructuring Plan to the District 116 Board of Education tonight. The restructuring plan is mandated by the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act for all schools who fail to meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for five straight years.

The District 116 High School Restructuring Committee has come up with a plan that will restructure the school's governance that will closely follow a student's academic progress. The plan includes:

- Modify the school day to include additional student support for those who need it
- Have teachers collaborate on ways to increase student achievement
- Survey staff, students, and parents about school climate and student support
- Provide for additional staff development
- Create a Director of Student Achievement and Accountability

"The restructuring committee had several goals in terms of the changes made to the school schedule. The goals were to: provide support for students in their core classes, provide time for teachers to collaborate to improve their instruction and student learning, and maintain diverse elective offerings. In addition, all 9th and 10th grade students will be grouped into teams with a group of teachers responsible for all of the students on the team," says Urbana High School Principal, Dr. Laura Taylor.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Don Owen says, "The entire focus of the committee was to make recommendations that would help the school and district focus its efforts on student learning. I am confident that the process of implementing the Restructuring Plan will improve student learning and learning opportunities."

District 116 Superintendent Dr. Preston Williams says, "The process of improving academic achievement is a very complex and yet tedious challenge that involves our entire educational community. We feel that this step in improving our student's academic progress at Urbana High School is an acceleration of best practice methods to ensure that all of our students are achieving academic success in whatever way that it is being measured."

The Urbana School Board will formally vote on the Urbana High School Restructuring Plan at its April 15 meeting.

For more information about the Urbana High School Restructuring Plan, please contact Don Owen at 384-3600.

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